2. Aden and Arabia, which were large buyers of smoked and dried ginger, were not buying the articles now. Hence, enquiries should be made to find out new markets for these articles.

3. There was a very large demand in British Indian markets for all the local products. The middlemen's profit should be eliminated and the maximum prices should be secured to the ryots. An agency should be brought into existence for this purpose.

4. Trade Agents should be appointed immediately in London, Bombay, Karachi, New York and in Europe. Travancore was largely depending on the export trade of raw products. To get over the present difficulty, Trade Agents were essential.

DEWAN'S REPLY: As you yourself say, Mr. Janardanan Pillai, a committee will be constituted very soon and all these matters will be referred to that committee. When that committee makes its recommendations, Government will deal with them.

### 84. Needs of the Padmanabhapuram Municipality.

MR. N. SHAHUL HAMEED (*Municipal Council, Padmanabhapuram*) speaking in Tamil first represented about the necessity for passing early orders on the question of the transfer of the site of the Thuckalai Telephone Exchange to the Padmanabhapuram Municipal Council for the purpose of constructing a building for the Municipal Office. Time and again has this necessity been pressed upon the attention of Government, both by means of representations in the Assembly and by resolutions passed by the Municipal Council. The attention of the Government also had been drawn to the financial condition of the Municipal Council which was not in a position to pay a rent of Rs. 15 per mensem for the present building. Government were kind enough to issue the necessary orders to the Chief Engineer Mr. Alfred Vipan. Mr. Vipan inspected the place, agreed with the views of the Municipal Council and recommended the transfer of the site of the Telephone Exchange at Thuckalai to the Municipal Council. The member regretted that, although this recommendation was made some time ago, no final orders had been passed by them yet, and requested that early orders might be passed.

Allied to this question was the construction of a building for the Municipality at the new site. As already observed, the Municipal Council found it difficult to meet even the expenditure on account of the rent for the existing building. The member requested Government to sanction a long-term loan of Rs. 3,000 to the Council.

The next subject that the member referred to was about the necessity for the supply of good drinking water to the inhabitants of Padmanabhapuram. There were one or two wells in the Southern Ward of the Municipality, but water in these wells was brackish. People drank this water and epidemics like diarrhoea and small-pox were prevalent among them. Representations had been made at previous sessions of the Assembly on the subject but no action was taken.

To remedy the situation, the member suggested that the drain or small channel which had been constructed from the P. P. channel to the Northern Ward of the Municipality be extended to the Southern Ward and that cisterns be constructed at small distances along this small channel. Provision should also be made for a continuous supply of water. If this scheme would take a long time to be carried into effect, the member suggested that wells might be sunk in places where good water can be had.

One of the reasons for the prevalence and spread of cholera in the taluk was the neglected condition of tanks situated within the municipal limits. The member particularly drew the attention of the Government to the Dasakulam which was being used by over 2,000 Mahammadans and people of other castes. The Municipality had become convinced of the necessity for the repair of the tank. The member requested the Dewan to inspect the locality and if he too was convinced of the utility of the tank and the necessity for repairing it, orders might be issued in the matter. Speaking of tanks, the member also requested that Pirappankode tank and the Kattukulam may be repaired, and that a small channel from the Tiruvithancode channel through the Northern and Southern Wards may be constructed for supplying good drinking water to travellers.

All the fisher folk of the place lived in small huts in one compound and they had no proper facilities for drying and storing fish. They dried the fish in the compound itself much to the annoyance of the passers-by. The member requested that a plot of land may be given to these fishermen outside the town limits and that other facilites may also be provided for them.

There were about 3,000 Mahammadans living within the municipal limits and the Mahammadan women were *goshas*. The member therefore suggested the appointment of a Lady Doctor in the Thuckalai District Hospital. Finally the member adverted to the necessity for amending the Municipal Regulation. Since the Regulation stood in urgent need of amendment, the member referred to the necessity for the appointment of a committee of officials and non-officials for the preparation of a Municipal Manual.

DEWAN'S REPLY: உங்களுடைய முதல் விஷயமான, இந்த டெலிபோன் எக்ஸ்ஞ்சு ஆபீஸை முனிஸிபல் ஆபீஸ் கட்டவிட்டுக் கொடுக்கவேண்டியது என்பது கவர்மெண்டு ஆலோசனைக்கு வந்திருக்கிறது. ஆனல் டெலிபோன் ஆபிஸுக்கு இஞ்சினியர் டிபார்ட்மெண்டு இடம் நிச்சயித்து, கட்டடம் கட்டினதற்கு பிற்பாடு, இந்த ஸ்தலத்தை முனிஸிபல் ஆபீஸுக்கு விட்டுகொடுக்கப்படும். அந்தசமயத்தில், உங்களுக்கு கட்டடம் கட்ட பணம் கடன் கொடுக்கப்படுவது தீர்மானிக்கப்படும்.

குடிப்பதற்கு ஜலம் வேண்டியது என்ற விஷயத்தைப்பற்றி உங்களுடைய நகரசபையிலிருந்து ஒரு பிரப்போஸல் வந்திருக்கிறது. டியூப் வெல்ஸ் (tube wells) வைத்துத்தரவேண்டுமென்று இதைப்பற்றி இஞ்சினியர் டிபார்ட்டுமென்று இன்வெஸ்டிகேட் செய்துவருகிறார்கள். இதை இன்வெஸ்டிகேட் செய்து வேண்டியது செய்யலாம்.

மற்ற பாயிண்டுகளை கவர்மெண்டில் கவனித்து வேண்டியது செய்யலாம்.

[Your first subject, *viz.*, the transfer of the site of the Telephone Exchange Office for locating the Municipal Office has come to the consideration of Government. But this site will be handed over to the Municipality after the Engineering Department selects a site and puts up a building for Telephone Exchange. At that time the question of granting a loan for putting up the municipal building will be decided.

In regard to the supply of drinking water, a proposal has been received from your Municipality about the provision of tube wells. The Engineering Department is investigating the matter. After investigation, the Government will do the needful.

The other points will receive the consideration of the Government and what is needful will be done.]

### 85. Needs of the Vilavancode taluk.

MR. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod taluk*) said that the people of the Vilavankod taluk mainly depended on agriculture for their livelihood. But for want of irrigation tanks and timely rain the crops had failed. Added to this, the economic depression prevailing in the country and the great fall in the price of local products had made the condition of the people quite deplorable The people had no money to invest on agriculture, much less to pay Government tax. Hence the member requested that till the Trade Depression Committee to be appointed, finds out some remedial measures or at least for the current year, remission of tax should be allowed in the taluk. If it was not possible to allow full remission, at least half the tax should be remitted.

Passing on to local needs, the member said that he had represented, not less than five times, regarding the necessity for abolishing the tolls levied in the Padannalummud market and that at the last session the Dewan had promised to issue early orders on the subject. But the toll had not been abolished yet. It should be abolished immediately.

The next request was that the *pakuthies* of Edakod and Kaliyal (western portions) should be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Kuzhithura Police Station, from the Thiruvattar Police Station. The same subject was pressed at the previous sessions of the Assembly, but the reply received was that the matter would be considered along with the Police re-allocation scheme. The people were suffering many hardships under the present arrangement and it was not known when the re-allocation scheme would be given effect to. Further it would appear that the Re-allocation Officer had recommended only the transfer of the Edakod *pakuthi*. Hence the matter should be expedited and both the places should be transferred to the Kuzhithura Police jurisdiction.

The urgent necessity for opening a dispensary at Putukada was being represented from the 19th session of the Assembly, but nothing had been done yet. To the same representation made at the